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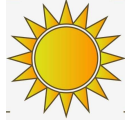
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Tuesday
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News at 7:20am & 12, 6pm & 10pm

The Weather

The high yesterday 60° This morning's low 32°
Today: Skies will be sunny with a high temperature near 66°, and a S-SW wind at 5mph.



Tonight: Mostly clear skies and the low temperature will dip to near 40°. Winds will be from the S at 5 mph.

Wednesday: Sunny and a high temperature near 71°. Winds will become light from the southwest.

Overnight Wednesday: Mostly clear skies and the low temperature will be near 47° with wind becoming S at 5 mph.

Thursday: Mostly sunny skies and a high near 76°. Winds will be S-SW at 5-15 mph.

Thursday Night: Mostly clear skies with a low near 58° and winds from the S at 10 mph.

Commissioners Court

There will be a called meeting of the Lampasas County Commissioners' Court on Thursday December 23rd at 9am in the Commissioners' Courtroom at the Lampasas County Courthouse. The agenda includes discussion and possible action on accounts payable and payroll.

Education Funding

Governor Greg Abbott yesterday announced the State of Texas will invest an additional \$123.3 million in federal funds to support education. The final allocation of the Governor's Emergency Education Relief (GEER) funds comes to the state through the Coronavirus Response and Relief Supplemental Appropriations Act (CRRSAA). This distribution brings the total to more than \$362 million in GEER funding for higher education through the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board (THECB) and \$67.5 million for public education since the COVID-19 pandemic began.

"The State of Texas remains committed to students and their success in our education systems — that includes ensuring

parents have an option to send their kids to a high-quality charter school and providing direct support to families with children who have special needs," said Governor Abbott. "We have also quickly become a leader in workforce education, reskilling, and upskilling, and this additional funding will ensure a talent-strong Texas that continues to create and import jobs for decades to come. In addition to Texas' commitment to student success programs, this funding will help ensure that students of all ages will not only enter into a higher education program, but they will leave as quickly as possible with a high-value degree or credential."

"While COVID-19 has created numerous challenges for schools, the Governor and legislative leadership continue to make public education a top priority," said Texas Education Commissioner Mike Morath. "For some of our most at-risk students, this significant new round of funding will prioritize getting families across Texas direct access to special education and other targeted supplemental services to support their children's varied educational needs."

"Governor Abbott and the legislative leadership recognized early in the pandemic that targeted investments in higher education would be essential for the state's economic recovery and future competitiveness," said Commissioner of Higher Education Harrison Keller. "This commitment reflects a vision that has allowed Texas to become one of only a few states that prioritized discretionary federal stimulus funds for higher education. We are grateful for these strategic investments in building a talent strong Texas."

Holiday Drinking and Driving

A night of drinking at a friend's house for Richie Griffin in Austin led to the holidays spent in the court system after he crashed into a home when he got behind the wheel drunk. This is just one of many stories that highlight the costly and tragic consequences of driving under the influence. This holiday season, TxDOT wants to remind Texans to always find a sober ride. (cont'd on back)

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The Blotter



Lampasas Police Dept. blotter for Monday shows a disturbance reported in the 200 block of E. Vine St. at 10:39am. The afternoon shows a minor accident in the 1700 block of CTE at 6:10pm. A report of another disturbance came in from the 200 block of Riverview Dr. at 6:58pm, there was a report of a suspicious vehicle in the 100 block of EE Ohnmeiss Dr. at 11:35pm and a disturbance was reported in the 1100 block of Cloud St. at 11:44pm.

The Sheriff's Dept. Blotter for Monday shows Lometa with an accident. Kempner saw animal issues, and a civil matter. Out in the county there were livestock/animal issues, medical calls, civil matters and a report of suspicious activity.

Throughout December, TxDOT's Drive Sober. No Regrets. campaign will host events across the state featuring video testimonials of Texans like Griffin who deal with the daily consequences of drunk driving, either as an offender or survivor. These powerful stories and drunk driving facts can be found at SoberRides.org.

"It is our hope that these moving, first-hand accounts will encourage all of us to make the right choice and not ever drive after drinking or doing anything that can alter our judgment," said TxDOT Executive Director Marc Williams. "We don't want to turn a happy time of year into one that could be marked by tragic loss caused by someone's poor decision to drink and drive."

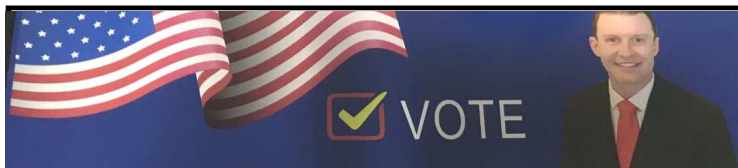
There were 2,462 DUI-alcohol related traffic crashes in Texas during the holiday season of December 1, 2020 through January 1, 2021. Those crashes killed 93 people and seriously injured another 215.

Drinking and driving is 100% preventable and can have serious physical, emotional and financial consequences that can last for years. A DWI incident can hurt or kill someone, devastating the lives of victims and survivors forever. It can also cause significant and expensive legal issues, create difficulty finding or keeping a job and bring a lifetime of regret.

There are many sober ride options available. Designate a sober driver, call a taxi, use a rideshare service, stay put, call a friend or family member, or use mass transit to ensure you don't drive impaired.

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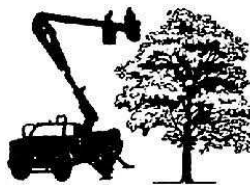
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The City of Lampasas has contracted with McCoy Tree Surgery to implement a Tree Trimming Program around City Electric Lines. This program began on December 20th, and will be completed about mid-February.

The First area to be trimmed is 1st Street to Nix Road from Steele to Porter. The Second area to be trimmed is 1st Street to 7th Street from Samac to Porter. The Third area to be trimmed is Naruna Road from Howe to South HWY 281 and on Howe from Naruna heading north. The Fourth area to be trimmed is West Avenue E to 1st Street from Porter to Key Avenue. The Fifth area to be trimmed is 1st Street to 6th Street from Porter to Key Avenue. Homeowners will be notified by door tags in advance of the trees being trimmed in their area or on their property.

If you have questions please call Shirley Elders at the City Administration Building at 512-556-8315

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